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Take a Shot at Hep B

Reporting of Perinatal Hepatitis B Virus Infection — United States, 2005

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Hepatitis B is a highly infectious disease that can lead to a lifetime of health problems. Each year, approximately 24,000 women with hepatitis B give birth. While most cases in adults don't develop into chronic problems, infants with the disease have a 90 percent chance of having life-long health issues and a 25 percent risk for premature death. The key to eliminating this risk is infant vaccination. Every newborn should receive the first dose of hepatitis B vaccine before discharge from the hospital. Those born to infected mothers should be vaccinated within hours of being born.

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